




Today's Gospel raises the question of sin between brothers and sisters, that is, fellow-Christians. The psalm talks about the greatness of God's forgiveness (which contrasts with our miserly forgiveness). Anyone who is forgiven has an obligation to forgive. If we cannot bring ourselves to do this, it is an indication that we really have not experienced God's forgiveness. The position of the servant in Jesus' story was absolutely hopeless. He owed the king so much money that even if he worked forever, he would not be able to repay him. This is our situation before God. We cannot win God's forgiveness. All we can do is plead for his mercy.


 **An Altar Society Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 20th at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall Meeting Room.**

Baptized and Confirmed, Now What? NEW CATHOLICS: Bring your friends and join us on Thursday nights from 6:00-7:30 p.m. for a **five-week MULTI-PARISH series beginning September 21st** (through October 19th) in the Parish Hall for a "Come As You Are" fall program. We will explore Bishop Robert Barron's "CATHOLICISM" DVD series. In this epic production, filmed at the most significant religious sites in the world, Bishop Barron brilliantly shows and tells **what** Catholics believe and **why** drawing from scripture, the catechism and spiritual masters. It is a must see DVD. Please pre-register (if you are interested, as we will need to pre-order materials) by emailing faith@loribrannon.com or calling the Rectory at 875-5419. The cost is \$25.00. *FAITH * FUN * FELLOWSHIP

 **The St. Alphonsus St. Vincent de Paul Society is holding a "Walk for the Poor"** on Saturday, September 30th at the Ocean Springs-Biloxi Bridge. If you would like to make a monetary donation, you can either drop the donation in the collection basket (marked 'Walk for the Poor') or bring to the rectory during regular business hours. The Boy Scouts of Troop 211 will be walking again for our conference. Anyone interested in walking/running with the Boy Scouts is asked to please call the rectory office and leave your name and number and someone from the St. Vincent de Paul will get back in touch with you. Thank you and God Bless!

 **The Lord Is My Help** needs volunteers to pack take-out lunches from 9:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. and/or to serve lunch from 11:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (no cooking involved) during the week of October 2nd - 6th. If you are able to volunteer your time on any of these days at either/both of the times, please call Norma Williams at 875-2636. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

 **Please take notice of our new Our Lady of Mount Carmel statue located in the North East entrance to the Church.** Our Lady of Mount Carmel is the title given to the Blessed Virgin Mary in her role as patroness of the Carmelite Order. Since the 15th century, popular devotion to Our Lady of Mount Carmel has centered on the Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, also known as the Brown Scapular, a sacramental associated with promises of Mary's special aid for the salvation of the devoted wearer.

 **Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends:** Glen Bosarge, Mercedes Bosarge, Carole Bourgeois, Clarence Brown, Sybil Burchinal, Sally Fero Conklin, Gina Dasher, Betty Dugan, Marthann Ello, Jackie Endt, Jeremy Forehand, Loretta Foster, Nora Foster, Joey Fountain, Carmen Gaethe, Doris Haynes, Ron Hoogstra, Margaret Betty Horton, Lucia Hourihan, Most Reverend Joseph L. Howze, Earline Huster, Tommy Jones, Theresa Jones, Clarence Jordan, Anastasia Pitalo Jurich, Andre Kaufman, Audrey King, Ann Eleece Kouns, Jeff Kouns, Daisie Laborde, John Langan, Nathaniel LaSalle, Catherine Lawrence, Bob Mayer, Bernie McGinley, Phyllis McGinley, Mary Mendenhall, Patricia Merlau, Edna Miguez, Deacon Greg Miller, Eunice Misko, Margaret Murray, Sophia Myers, Leonard Necaize, Peggy and Edward Necaize, Chandra Nicholson, Travis Norman, Charley Nowel, Edwin O'Connor, III, Henry Parker, Judy Penton, Amy Petitjean, Anna Raley, Karen Skrmetta Smith, Elba Smolcich, Joe Souza, Edna Spell, Lorraine St. Onge, Dani Stafford, Rust Stallings, Stan Stanton, Warren Strayham, Katie Swanson, Gertie Templett, Sharon Tilmon, Dolores Trenouth, Ted and Clara Ursu, and Jane Walker.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 18

1 Timothy 2:1-8; Luke 7:1-10
6:30 am Dr. Malcolm Latour
8:15 am Mr. Joe Latil

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 19

1 Timothy 3:1-13; Luke 7:11-17
6:30 am Mr. Robert "Bob" Mitchell
8:15 am Ms. Iris Holloway

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 20

1 Timothy 3:14-16; Luke 7:31-35
6:30 am Ms. Melissa Roberts Lee
8:15 am Mr. & Mrs. Morris (Anna) J. Rabe, Jr.

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 21

Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13; Matthew 9:9-13
6:30 am Mr. Eddie Hire
8:15 am Ms. Barbara St. John

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 22

1 Timothy 6:2c-12; Luke 8:1-3
6:30 am Mr. Raymond Beaugez
8:15 am Ms. Linda Mayer

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 23

1 Timothy 6:13-16; Luke 8:4-15
8:15 am Mr. Leland Lewis Adler
Mr. Harry Leaghty
Mass of Thanksgiving
Holy Souls in Purgatory

4:00 pm Ms. Louise Eagan

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 24

Isaiah 55:6-9; Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a; Matt 20:1-16a
7:30 am Congregation
9:00 am Ms. Annie Wnukowski
11:30 am Mr. Russell Cresson
5:30 pm Ms. Mary Ladnier Bosarge
Mr. Bobby Bosarge

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$11,878.19
Texas Hurricane Harvey Relief Aid.....\$ 7,763.46
May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support.

**Altar Society Members for next week:
Kay Brochard and Norma Williams**



**The Flowers in front of the Altar
Are in Honor of All Catechist**



A lovely flower arrangement on the altar area of the church on weekends is a beautiful way to honor a deceased loved one or to celebrate a special occasion. If you would like to donate for a specific weekend, please call the Rectory at 875-5419. Donation amount is \$35.00.

Religious Education News

Pat Cronin – 872-2652; pcronin@cableone.net; www.stal.cc

Sept 18: New Wine, Parish Hall, 6:00 p.m.
Sept 21: RCIA, Parish Hall Meeting Room, 6:00 p.m.
Sept 24: Religious Education 10:10 a.m.
Adult Study Class 10:10 a.m. Read the Bible with Understanding
Children's Church, 11:30 a.m. Mass for 3-6 year olds
Confirmation Class, Parish Hall, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Religious Education is in need of some volunteer catechist. If interested, please call Pat Cronin at 209-0464.

Family and Youth Calendar

Jane Sema 228-217-1392 jsema@osstalphonsus.org

As we build our youth programs we are looking for young adults and parents to help with activities for our youth. If you are interested in helping us build a **DYNAMIC YOUTH PROGRAM** contact Jane Sema at 228-217-1392.

Youth Gatherings

It is time to begin our youth activities!!

Sept 17 / 24: 6th-8th Grades at 4:30 pm 9th-12th Grades at 6:30 pm
We will gather in the Family and Youth office.

Sept 27: You are invited to join our **Parent & Child Prayer and Fellowship** group as we study The Saints. If you are a parent looking for a group gathering of other parents and their children for prayer and fellowship, join us in the Family and Youth Office (in back of the Parish Hall) from 9:00-10:00 a.m.

Sept 30: Youth Ministry Kickoff Day at St. Francis Xavier in Wiggins from 10:00 am – 7:00 pm. Contact Jane Sema by to register. \$15/youth and \$5/adults. Dinner will be provided but bring a sack lunch. Activities include: Middle School Kickball tournament; High School Ultimate Frisbee Tournament; Mass and Adoration/XLT.



The Saint Alphonsus Bookstore and Gift Shop is open Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. and after the Saturday evening Vigil Mass and all Sunday (English) Masses. Come visit and see what we have. Consider giving Catholic gifts for birthdays, holidays and any occasion.



You are invited to join St. Elizabeth Seton in a National Life Chain scheduled for Sunday, October 1st (rain or shine) from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. at the old YMCA (Hwy 90). You are asked to please arrive between 2:35 – 2:45 p.m. Items you may wish to bring: rosary, chair, sunglasses, hat, drink, umbrella. For more information, call Deacon Michael at 282-3345.

A Couples Retreat, for couples married 10 years and under, will be held October 7th and 8th at the Archdiocese of New Orleans Retreat Center. Attending a married couples retreat annually is a wonderful way to deepen your love for God and each other! Come grow, recharge and be strengthened in your love for God and each other!
To register or for more info call Jason Angelette at (504) 830-3716 or visit FaithandMarriage.org. The suggested donation of \$275 for the couple is requested but not required.



WE NEED YOUR TREASURES! The Knights of Columbus are collecting items for a Rummage Sale to be held October 27th and 28th. Items may be put on the back porch of the KC Hall.

ST. ALPHONSUS SCHOOL


Sept 22: Children's Mass 8:15 a.m.

ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

Sept 18: Boys Basketball Parent Meeting, Auditorium, 6:30 p.m.
Sept 20: Homecoming Powder Puff Football Game, 6:30 p.m.
Black-Out Pep Rally 7:30 p.m.
Sept 21: Homecoming Mass 9:40 a.m.
Sept 23: Homecoming Dance, Grades 9-12, 8:00 – 11:00 p.m.

Please support the St. Vincent de Paul Society **Thanksgiving Home Giveaway**. Help those in our parish and community who are experiencing hard times making ends meet. Tickets are \$100 and are available in the Rectory Office (during normal business hours). A drawdown will be held November 24th to select the winner. Purchasers will also qualify in the drawing of other gifts and door prizes.

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www.svdphomegiveaway.com



The 31st Annual Catholic Cursillo Benefit Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, October 14th at Gulf Hills Golf Course. Shotgun Start 8:00 a.m. The Tournament format is a 3-Man Scramble and you can either make up your own team or be placed on a team. \$80 per player or \$240 per Team – includes Green Fee and Cart. A free pre-tournament Dinner Party and Reunion will be held on Friday at the D'Iberville Community Center from 7:00-9:30 p.m. for players, spouses, sponsors, Cursillistas and friends. Registration forms must be received no later than September 25th. For more information or to register, contact Al Gombos at 228-348-0203 / algombos@aol.com or Skip Carroll at 228-547-6562 / scarroll@wm.com.

A Message from Lois Leaghty-Ravera: In December of 2015 I won a contest to go to Haiti to serve the poor. Our group, along with the generosity of many caring souls, raised over \$70,000 to help build a new housing village for those we visited. I will again be embarking on a return trip to Haiti with the Food For the Poor this coming December and hope to bring the necessities of life. The following is a list of needed items (cash is also accepted and appreciated too): School supplies, coloring books, craft supplies such as construction paper, stickers; Hygiene items such as deodorant, bar soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, hair accessories; Children's underwear, pillow case dresses for girls, boy's t-shirts and shorts; Soccer balls (deflated) with pump, jump ropes, small stuffed toys or dolls, matchbox cars; Christmas stocking stuffers. Offerings can be left in the Vestibule of the Church in the box labeled for Haiti. To make it for the December trip, I must have all donations in and shipped by October 1st. Thank you and God Bless You - Lois

A copy of the weekly Church bulletin may be found on the "myParish" phone app and also on our parish website at "osstalphonsus.org".